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## Russia May Hang Stoessel

Russia is soon to have a trial that will attract the attention of the whole world,—that of General Stoessel and several of his subordinates, for surrendering Port Arthur while it was in condition for effective defense. All who read of the Russians there, at least, were making a brave and intelligent stand, and certainly from their entrenched positions they were able to cause a fearful slaughter of Japanese. But when surrender came, and a splendid army laid down its weapons and abandoned thousands of tons of ammunition, there began to be talk of "quitting." The issue is now to be tried, with the death penalty staring Stoessel in the face if he is found guilty of surrendering too soon. It is announced that all the documents connected with the trial of four Generals are now prepared. The Public Prosecutor's indictment comprises more than one hundred printed pages, and it is directed against General Reuss, Chief of his Staff; General Smirnov, Commandant of Port Arthur; and General Fock. Besides the surrender of the fortress, excess of powers, general slackness, and incapacity are alleged against the four Generals. General Stoessel will be judged under Article 251, which entails capital punishment; the other three Generals, if found guilty, will be deprived of all their rights and will be liable to imprisonment. The trial will be held early in October before ten judges; it will last two or three weeks. One hundred and fifty witnesses have been subpoenaed, and some of them are coming from Manchuria and Vladivostok. The public will be admitted to the trial only in limited numbers.

General Stoessel speaks very bitterly of the injustice of the Press campaign against him, especially as most of his accusers are anonymous. However, the truth will come out at trial, which Stoessel wishes to be as public as it can be, and then he will reply to all the charges made against him. He maintains that Port Arthur was not a fortress, and even the Japanese called it only "a fortified place;" when the war broke out Port Arthur could not fly the Imperial flag, because it was not a fortress. Stoessel capitulated entirely on his own responsibility. He says that he was told by the Japanese that if Port Arthur had to be taken by storm they would not be answerable either for the Japanese soldiers or for the Japanese officers. Stoessel ended the interview by remarking that he knew the Japanese are as cruel as they are brave.

## Commanding Prosperity

China is being awakened by edict, judging by the flow of proclamations which the Imperial palace in Peking is sending forth. The delightfully simple process of commanding the people to start industries has been adopted, and if this doesn't produce a boom it won't be the fault of the empress. The latest edict discusses the commercial doings of other nations and the possibilities for China and then says: "We, therefore, hereby command the Viceroy, Governors, and Tartar Generals of provinces to instruct their subordinates to make all haste to start all kinds of industries that are needed, and to exert themselves to encourage business amongst the people. Those who are able to promote agricultural enterprises, mechanical arts and handicrafts, trades and mines or any other kind of business, or aid merchants to subscribe capital for industrial enterprises, and succeed in them—such officials or gentry who have worked to such an end will be rewarded by the Throne to an extraordinary degree. Should any one be able to show that he has succeeded in starting a manufactory or industrial work with a capital of over ten million taels, where the workmen number several thousand, such persons will be even more greatly rewarded—even to the extent of being raised to the peerage. We further command the Ministry concerned to draw up a scheme of rewards in accordance with the foregoing and report the same to us without delay. The said Ministry is also commanded to present an annual report upon conditions of trade and industries that have been started and brought to completion and success, and these annual reports are to be distributed to officials, high and low, throughout the Empire for their information. Should any official, led by private animus fail to give proper assistance and protection to merchants and tradesmen, such official will be severely punished and no leniency will be shown. Let our aim be to have no land lying fallow within our border, no wandering bands of unemployed people, and let us all work to make our country wealthy and strong. This is our earnest hope."

## Riots Against Cheap Labor.

Riots in Washington over Hindu labor add one more to the many race complications which face the Caucasian race as a result of their success in "awakening" the peoples of the Far East. Hindus are now beginning to see the attractiveness of a land where laboring men spend on living expenses every day more than a skilled laborer gets in a week in India,—a Hindu carpenter arriving recently at San Francisco and rejected because of trachoma, is quoted as saying he worked for ten cents a day in India. The ruling motive with the men who make these so-called race riots is not race prejudice, but self protection. What is a white man going to do when he finds his jobs taken by men who talk of working for ten cents a day, which won't buy a white man's breakfast? The question is economic and not one of race prejudice. With steadily increasing ease of travel and immigration all over the world, it is becoming a problem on every continent where the Caucasian rules. It is almost as acute under the British flag as under the American, for Australia and Canada are raising their protests. The problems appears to be one without any satisfactory solution. The American doctrine of Protection is the only remedy intelligently applied. Carried to its logical conclusion it seems to lead to a general policy of isolation,—to the white races erecting their own "wall of China" so that they may enjoy living in their own way free from a competition that destroys their social system.

## Tales Worth Telling

### THAT WAS ENOUGH.

A young Frenchman in the sophomore class at an American college was invited to a musical entertainment given by his classmates, where there were sung, in honor of the foreigner, a number of French songs, and they were given in the best American-French. "I say, old man," observed one of the sophomores, after the entertainment, "I suppose those French songs made you feel a little homesick, eh?" "No," responded the Frenchman, "only sick."

### A BIG GAIN.

Prof. L. C. Marshall, of the Ohio Wesleyan university, who attributes race suicide to excessive immigration, said on this subject recently:

"But in the summer time the effect of immigration is largely offset by the vacation effect. Nothing encourages marriage of the good, honest, fruitful sort like a summer vacation at the seashore or on the mountain tops."

"The other day I met a former student of mine, a prosperous young business man. He looked brown and fit. 'Hello,' I said, 'You are the picture of health.'"

"Yes," he said, 'I am just back from my vacation. I gained 115 pounds.'"

"Nonsense," I cried. "I don't believe it."

"Don't you?" said he, 'Well, here it comes now, any way. Wait a minute, and I'll introduce you.'"

## PLAGUE BAD IN SAN FRANCISCO

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State authorities and is now in charge. This Federal move insures harmony between this port and San Francisco since at both ports are the Federal health authorities in control.

The double quarantine is still maintained here. Folks from ashore were not allowed aboard the S. S. Korea today, bound for the coast, a fact that is amusing to those who realize the plague situation in San Francisco and are aware of the cleanliness of this port, per se. The idea of the disease-ridden coast port suffering from contract with clean Honolulu is highly laughable to them.

Since the plague exists to such an alarming extent in San Francisco there is talk of the Big Four squadron, the cruisers West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Colorado, now in this port, going to the Sound instead of San Francisco when they sail hence on September 18.

### WILLARD BROWN LEAVES.

Willard E. Brown and Mrs. Brown leave today for a pleasure trip to the Coast, and will be away about six weeks. When asked today if he was going to look into the steamship question while away, replied: "My trip is entirely for pleasure, and while I am away I am going to forget business entirely. I need the trip for my health as I have not been away in some time, and I think that when I get back that I will feel more like taking up some of the important matters that are pending here in the islands."

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

You can't fool some people any of the time.  
Men who make good use of their time have none to spare.  
Chronic kickers soon develop a whine that won't wear off.

Speaking of shade trees—most family trees are more or less shady.  
A quiet wedding is but a curtain raiser for a strenuous afterpart.

Up to a late hour Rockefeller had not stated whether he would pay it in cash or on the installment plan.—Los Angeles Express.

Mr. Rockefeller claims that he knows nothing whatever about the affairs of the Standard Oil Company. It must be an easy job to act as president of a great trust.—Chicago Record-Herald.

### EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Is Japan's view of the peace movement accurately expressed in her condemnation of a Korean Prince to be hanged for going as a delegate to The Hague conference?—St. Louis Republic.  
"Lynch law and the unwritten law are a bad pair," says the Birmingham Age-Herald. Correct. They are closely related and come from the same bad family.—Portland Telegram.

Russia is described as a nation of cursers. If violent language was ever exorable, it is in Russia's case.—Washington Star.

Only things to eat and drink and wear are high in price. Happiness is at the same old figure.—San Francisco News Letter.

### ALL-ITERATIVE POLITICS.

You crowd is rooting for Root."  
"And you other collection of rollers?"  
"Knocking for Knox."  
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